



VAAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

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2025 Undergraduate Minimum Admission Requirements



Note: Although certain subjects and symbols below are indicated as minimum entry requirements, it does not guarantee acceptance

CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS (1st Semester and Year Students)

Academic: SA Citizens 30 September

Residences: SA Citizens 31 October

Admission requirements for students with N3, N4, N5, and N6:

Refer to our website for admission requirements.

Admission requirements for international qualifications:

Eligibility of all international qualifications will be evaluated by the International Office.

Faculty of Applied & Computer Sciences

Faculty of Management Sciences

DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Dip: Analytical Chemistry (3 years)

Subjects	NSC endorsement	Eligibility for Diploma or Bachelor's degree	Note
Compulsory subjects achievement level			
English	4	4 = 50-59%	3 = 40-49%
Mathematics or Engineering Mathematics or Physical Science or Life Sciences	4	60%	5 = 60-69%
Engineering Sciences	4	60%	
Life Sciences	4		
APS	21 (excl. LO)		

Diploma Endorsement Required AND APS of 24 with a minimum of 50% (4) for English, Physical Science and Mathematics or 60% vocational Mathematics and Engineering Science.

DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Dip: Biotechnology (3 years)

Subjects	NSC endorsement	Eligibility for Diploma or Bachelor's degree	Note
Compulsory subjects achievement level			
English	4	4 = 50-59%	3 = 40-49%
Mathematics or Engineering Mathematics or Physical Science or Life Sciences	4	60%	5 = 60-69%
Engineering Sciences	4	60%	
Life Sciences	4		
APS	23 (excl. LO)		

Diploma Endorsement Required AND APS of 24 with a minimum of 50% (4) for English, Physical Science and Mathematics or 60% vocational Mathematics and Engineering Science.

DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Dip: Agricultural Management (3 years)

Subjects	NSC endorsement	Eligibility for Diploma or Bachelor's degree	Note
Compulsory subjects achievement level			
English	4	4 = 50-59%	3 = 40-49%
Agricultural/ Life Sciences or Mathematics or Technical Mathematics or Mathematics Literacy	3/3	5 = 60-69%	
APS	21 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics excl. LO)		
	22 (Mathematics Literacy excl. LO)		

Recommended: Business studies, Economics, Computer Studies, Geography, Agriculture, Life Sciences

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH SCIENCES

Bachelor of Health Science: Medical Laboratory Sciences (4 years)

Subjects	NSC endorsement	Eligibility for Bachelor degree	Note
Compulsory subjects or equivalent (Standard or Higher grade system)			
English	4	D C	3 = 40-49%
Mathematics	4	D C	4 = 50-59%
Physical Science	4	D C	5 = 60-69%
Life Science	5	D C	6 = 70-79%
APS	27 (excl. LO)		7 = 80-89%
			8 = 90-99%

Applicants may be required to have industrial knowledge (i.e. job shadowing) and may undergo placement testing

DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCES

Dip: Information Technology (3 years full time)

Subjects	NSC endorsement	Eligibility for Diploma	Note
Compulsory subjects achievement level			
English	4	4 = 50-59%	3 = 40-49%
Mathematics or Technical Mathematics or Information Technology or Mathematical Literacy	4	6	5 = 60-69%
Information Technology or Mathematical Literacy	4	Bonus Points: Mathematics, English or Natural Sciences	6 = 70-79%
APS	24 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics or Information Technology, excl. LO)		7 = 80-89%
	26 (Mathematics Literacy, excl. LO)		8 = 90-99%

A maximum of 6 subjects are taken into consideration when calculating the total APS score, excluding Life Orientation.

DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Dip: Environmental Science (3 years)

Subjects	NSC endorsement	Eligibility for Diploma	Note
Compulsory subjects achievement level			
English	4	4 = 50-59%	3 = 40-49%
Mathematics or Physical Sciences	4	4	5 = 60-69%
Physical Sciences	4	4	6 = 70-79%
APS	21 (excl. LO)		7 = 80-89%
			8 = 90-99%

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Department: Accountancy

Subjects	Financial Info. Systems	Cost & Man. Accounting	Internal Auditing	Note
NSC/NCV(4) endorsement				
Compulsory subjects				
Accounting	4	4	4	3 = 40-49%
English	4	4	4	4 = 50-59%
Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy or 5	3 or	3 or	3 or	5 = 60-69%
Technical Mathematics	3	3	3	6 = 70-79%
				7 = 80-89%
				8 = 90-99%

Min APS Required= 20 (Maths) and 22 (Maths Lit/Technical Maths) excl. LO - For FIS, and Cost and Man Accounting only
Min APS Required = 20 (Maths), and 23 (Maths Lit./Technical Maths) excl. LO - for Internal Auditing only

Department: Human Resources Management

Subjects	Human Resources Management	Note
NSC/NCV(4) endorsement		
Compulsory subjects		
English	4	3 = 40-49%
Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy /	3 or	4 = 50-59%
Technical Maths	3	5 = 60-69%
One other subject	4	6 = 70-79%
		7 = 80-89%
		8 = 90-99%

Min APS Required: 20 (Maths), and 21 (Maths Lit./Technical Maths) excl. LO

Department: Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Subjects	Logistics and Supply Chain Management	Note
NSC/NCV(4) endorsement		
Compulsory subjects		
English	4	3 = 40-49%
Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy /	3 or	4 = 50-59%
Technical Maths	3	5 = 60-69%
One other subject	4	6 = 70-79%
		7 = 80-89%
		8 = 90-99%

Min APS Required: 20 (Maths), and 21 (Mathematic Lit/Technical Maths) excl. LO

Department: Marketing, Retail Business & Sport Management

Subjects	Marketing	Retail Business Management	Sport Management	Note
NSC/NCV(4) endorsement				
Compulsory subjects				
English	4	4	4	3 = 40-49%
Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy /	3 or	3 or	3 or	4 = 50-59%
Technical Mathematics	3	3	3	5 = 60-69%
One other subject	4	4	4	6 = 70-79%
				7 = 80-89%
				8 = 90-99%

Min APS Required: 20 (Maths), 21 (Maths Lit/Technical Maths) excl. LO

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Diploma: Fashion			Diploma: Photography		
Subjects					
NSCA endorsement					
Compulsory subjects					
English	4	Additional Admission Requirement: An additional compulsory selection criteria: Practical interview and portfolio submission.	English	4	Additional Admission Requirement: An additional compulsory selection criteria: Practical interview and portfolio submission.
Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy/ Technical Maths	2 (30%) or 3 (40%)		Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy/ Technical Maths	2 (30%) or 3 (40%)	
Any other 4 subjects	15		Any other 4 subjects	15	
Total:	21 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics, excl. LO)		Total:	21 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics, excl. LO)	
	22 (Mathematical Literacy, excl. LO)			22 (Mathematical Literacy, excl. LO)	

TABLE 1: Diploma programmes in Engineering (Mainstream Programmes) – 3 year programmes

Qualification	Compulsory Subjects	Minimum for the regular Diploma programme	Qualification	Compulsory Subjects	Minimum for the regular Diploma programme
Diploma: Chemical Engineering		4	Diploma: Operations Management		4
Civil Engineering	Mathematics	4		Mathematics	3
Electronic Engineering	Physical Sciences	4		Physical Sciences	4
Power Engineering	English Language	4		English Language	4
Process Control Engineering					
Computer Systems Engineering					
Industrial Engineering					
Mechanical Engineering					
Metallurgical Engineering					
Total: (Excluding Life Orientation)		24*	Total: (Excluding Life Orientation)		23

*Admission requirements for any of the 3-year Diploma programmes in Engineering is a National Senior Certificate with a minimum of 24 and above APS points with minimum of 4 for Mathematics, Physical Science and English (see Table 1).

Diploma: Graphic Design		Diploma: Fine Art		Diploma: Food Service Management	
Subjects					
NSCA endorsement					
Compulsory subjects					
English	4	4	Additional Admission Requirement: An additional compulsory selection criteria: Practical interview and portfolio submission.	English	4
Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy/ Technical Maths	2 (30%) or 3 (40%)	2 (30%) or 3 (40%)		Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy/ Technical Maths	3 or 4
Any other 4 subjects	15	15		Remaining 3 subjects (min of 3 each subject)	Excl Life Orientation
Total:	21 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics, excl. LO)	22 (Mathematical Literacy, excl. LO)		Minimum APS required: 20 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics, excluding LO)	21 (Mathematical Literacy, excl. LO)

TABLE 3: Diploma programmes in Engineering (Extended Programmes) – 4 year programmes

Qualification	Compulsory Subjects	Minimum for the regular Diploma programme	Qualification	Compulsory Subjects	Minimum for the regular Diploma programme
Diploma: Chemical Engineering		3	Diploma: Chemical Eng		4
Civil Engineering	Mathematics	3	Civil Engineering	Mathematics/Vocational - /Technical Mathematics	4
Electronic Engineering	Physical Sciences	3	Electronic Eng	Physical Sciences/ Engineering Sciences/ Technical - /	4
Power Engineering	English Language	3	Power Eng	English Language	4
Process Control Engineering			Process Control Eng	*Vocational Sciences	4
Computer Systems Engineering			Computer Systems	English Language	4
Industrial Engineering			Industrial Eng		
Mechanical Engineering			Mechanical Eng		
Metallurgical Engineering			Metallurgical Eng		
Total: (Excluding Life Orientation)		22**	Total: (Excluding Life Orientation)		24

**Admission requirements for any of the 4-year extended Diploma programmes in Engineering is a National Senior Certificate with a minimum of 22 maximum APS points with minimum of 3 for Mathematics, Physical Science and English (see Table 3).

Diploma: Tourism Management		Diploma: Public Relations		Diploma: Ecotourism Management	
Subjects					
NSCA endorsement					
Compulsory subjects					
English	4	4	Age exemption: Applicants of mature age (23 with grade 12) who do not meet the entry requirements must submit proof of permanent employment in industry, working in an area related to the field of the intended study.	English	4
Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy/ Technical Maths	3 or 4	3 or 4		Biology / Life Science	4
Other Language, Tourism, Business Studies, and Accounting	4	4		Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy/ Technical Maths	3 or 4
1 Compulsory subject (Tourism, Geography, Business Studies & History)	4	4		Any other 3 subjects (minimum of 3 each subject)	4
Remaining 3 subjects (min of 3 each subject)				Recommended subjects: Geography, Agriculture, Tourism	
Total:	20 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics, excl. LO)	21 (Mathematical Literacy, excl. LO)	Total:	20 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics, excl. LO)	21 (Mathematical Literacy, excl. LO)

Diploma: Legal Assistance		Diploma: Labour Law		Diploma: Safety Management	
Subjects					
NSCA endorsement					
Compulsory subjects					
English	5	5	Age exemption: Applicants of mature age (23 with grade 12) who do not meet the entry requirements must submit proof of permanent employment in industry, working in an area related to the field of the intended study.	English	4
Other Language	3	3		Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy/ Technical Maths	3 or 4
Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy/ Technical Maths	3 or 4	3 or 4		Any other 4 subjects (minimum of 3 each subject)	14
Any other 3 subjects totaling (minimum of 3 each subject)	12	12		Total:	21 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics, excl. LO)
Total:	23 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics, excl. LO)	24 (Mathematical Literacy, excl. LO)		Total:	21 (Mathematical Literacy, excl. LO)

Diploma: Policing		B Ed (Senior Phase & FET Teaching)	
Subjects			
NSC endorsement			
Compulsory subjects			
English	4	4	Additional Admission Requirement: An additional compulsory selection criteria: Practical interview and portfolio submission.
Other Language	3	3	
Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy/ Technical Maths	3 or 4	3 or 4	
Any other 3 subjects totaling (minimum of 3 each subject)	10	10	
Total:	20 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics, excl. LO)	21 (Mathematical Literacy, excl. LO)	

Bachelor of Communication Studies		Advance Diploma (TVT):	
Subjects			
NSC endorsement			
Compulsory subjects			
English	5	An appropriate 360-credits NQF Level 6 undergraduate diploma or NGF Level 7 bachelors degree in Engineering, candidate in position of National Diploma /Diploma from TVET Colleges will also be admitted into the programme and should have a trade certificate or completed an in-service training.	
Additional Language	4		
Mathematical Literacy	4		
Mathematics	3		
Life Orientation	4		
Any other 2 subjects totaling	8		
Total:	20 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics, excl. LO)	24 (Mathematical Literacy, excl. LO)	

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APPLICATION FOR ACADEMIC ADMISSION

Please note: To avoid disappointment, prospective students are urged to apply as soon as possible.

Make sure that VUT offers the course you are interested in (this pamphlet/poster) and that you adhere to the admission requirements. Initial selection will be based on final Grade 11 or latest Grade 12 results.

How to Apply: On line applications-www.vut.ac.za-click on admissions new students.

The following must be submitted with your application:

1. Certified copy of South African ID document
2. Certified copy of Grade 11 or latest Grade 12 report (e.g June examination)
3. Proof of address (Not compulsory)
4. Application fee of R110.00. Application forms without proof of payment will not be accepted.

BankingDetails: ABSA Bank, account number 530 861 945, branch code 632 005, use your ID number as reference.

Proof of payment must be uploaded with on-line application

